

**IECC APPEAL FORM
FOR CHANGE IN DEPENDENCY STATUS
2014-2015**

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Parents have the primary responsibility to pay for their son's or daughter's educational expenses. However, if there is an unintentional, involuntary or uncontrollable break in the relationship between parents and student, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges may be able to consider the student independent for financial aid purposes.

Providing self-support and living on the student's own is secondary to determining the break in the relationship.

To consider this appeal, IECC will need a detailed, written explanation and supporting documentation.

**IF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES APPLIES TO YOU,
PLEASE CHECK THE CATEGORY AND PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:**

- Your custodial parent has died and the other natural parent is still living.**
You have had no contact with nor received any financial support from the living parent for a significant length of time (more than 2 years).

Required Documentation:

1. A copy of the death certificate of the deceased custodial parent.
2. Documentation of the custodial relationship (for example, a **court** document, a copy of the divorce decree or other evidence the deceased was the custodial parent), and
3. Three (3) letters, on official letterhead, from objective third parties (i.e. minister, social worker, counselor, teacher, doctor or other professional) which supports your claim that you neither lived with nor received financial support from the non-custodial parent for a significant length of time (more than 2 years).

Your family situation is unreasonable.

The dysfunction may be the result of physical abuse, emotional abuse or drug or alcohol abuse. In some cases, a professional may have counseled you to live apart from your parent(s).

Required Documentation:

1. Three (3) letters (on official letterhead) from a minister, social worker, psychologist, high school counselor, teacher, doctor, or other professional, explaining the situation in detail.
2. A letter from you, the student, explaining the situation in detail, and
3. One or more of the following:
 - A letter from an independent third party (non-relative or friend)
Example: parents of a friend, neighbor, employer
 - Police reports
 - Court reports
 - Documentation from a social agency

Other Unusual Circumstances

Required Documentation:

1. A detailed, written explanation and supporting documentation of unusual circumstances.

I certify all information on this appeal, and the attached documentation, is complete and accurate.

Student
Signature

Date

Additional information may be required at the discretion of the Financial Aid Administrator.

For Office Use (Action on appeal):

FAO
Signature

Date